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SUBJECT: ASAHI OPINION POLL ON POLITICAL SITUATION

1. 6/14 EDITION OF "ASAHI SHIMBUN," JAPAN'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND WIDEST CIRCULATED DAILY, REPORTED FINDINGS OF ASAHI SURVEY MAY 24-25 WITH SAMPLE OF ADULTS NATIONWIDE PRODUCING 2,565 COMPLETED INTERVIEWS ON POLITICAL TOPICS. EMBASSY'S "DAILY SUMMARY OF JAPANESE PRESS" WILL CARRY FULL-TEXT TRANSLATION.

2. SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS: POLL FOUND 31 PERCENT WANT COMING UPPER HOUSE ELECTION TO RESULT IN REVERSAL OF RULING LDP AND OPPOSITION PARTY STRENGTHS, WHILE 51 PERCENT DO NOT WANT REVERSAL. HOWEVER, ONLY 18 PERCENT FORESEE SUCH REVERSAL, AS AGAINST 60 PERCENT WHO DO NOT. CONTINUED ONE-PARTY RULE BY LDP IS DESIRE OF 36 PERCENT, WHILE 48 PERCENT WANT TO SEE NEW REGIME TAKE OVER. OF THOSE 48 PERCENT, FIVE PERCENT WANT ALLIANCE OF LDP AND NEW LIBERAL CLUB, AND ANOTHER 11 PERCENT FAVOR LDP-NLC-DSP ALLIANCE. TEN PERCENT WANT ALLIANCE OF ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES, 11 PERCENT WANT JSP-CGP-DSP ALLIANCE AND FOUR PERCENT FAVOR JSP-JCP ALLIANCE.

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EM EARLIER PUBLISHED FINDINGS FROM SAME SURVEY REPORTED NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR FUKUDA CABINET OR IN POLITICAL PARTY SUPPORT.

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